From: Daniel Cohen
To: Sara Peet
Subject: RE: ALPR Documents
Date: Thursday, September 16, 2021 12:58:00 PM

Thank you for following up on that. I spoke to Marc yesterday, apparently, the idea for 100 cameras was brough up at a special projects meetings. There seemed to be support for the concept. Once I have the supporting data, I'll send something to Jeff.

Thanks again.

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From: Sara Peet <speet@cityofsantamaria.org>
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Hi Dan,

I spoke with Mary Harvey regarding this and she does have the updated July FAQs with the language including Law Enforcement uses. It sounds like the City is in the process of hiring a consultant to help decipher the different sections of funding and requirements related to ARPA, to ensure conformance. It is on their radar and I did mention the idea of funding one time hiring incentives and additional camera purchases. She did mention they have a team to review possible uses of the funding and the hope is once they have clearer definitions of uses-they will narrow down which projects will move forward. She didn't provide a clear path for how we can ensure that our projects are on the radar, so I think providing the detail to the team (through Jeff M.) and following up is the best move at this point. It may be something that Marc can mention to Jason at some point as well, especially if it is determined through the consultant that the City can use the funding for police activities. I think the hesitation is making sure there is a clear nexus between COVID and the qualified use of funds, so data will be an important piece to provide.

Thank you,

Sara

From: Daniel Cohen <dcohen@cityofsantamaria.org>
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Sara –

Here is the official Whitehouse announcement:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/23/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-comprehensive-strategy-to-prevent-and-respond-to-gun-crime-and-ensure-public-safety/.

I think I found the updated information:
https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf#page=19.

I downloaded the document as an attachment above, “ARPR Update July 2021 FAQs.”

I looked it over and found new guidance under section 4.8.

“In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: o Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers o Additional enforcement efforts to reduce gun violence exacerbated by the pandemic, including prosecuting gun traffickers, dealers, and other parties contributing to the supply of crime guns, as well as collaborative federal, state, and local efforts to identify and address gun trafficking channels o Investing in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively respond to the rise in gun violence resulting from the pandemic As discussed in the Interim Final Rule, uses of CSFRF/CLFRF funds that respond to an identified harm must be related and reasonably proportional to the extent and type of harm experienced; uses that bear no relation or are grossly disproportionate to the type or extent of harm experienced would not be eligible uses.”

Take a look, let me know what you think.

Dan

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